

# East Ardsley romp to title after Liversedge collapse

EAST ARDSLEY celebrated their first major trophy for 17 years when they won the **Central Yorkshire League First Division** title, beating their nearest rivals, Liversedge, by an emphatic 117 runs.

Batting first East Ardsley were reeling when they lost their first two wickets without a run on the board.

However Ardsley stalwart Geoff Hunt retrieved the situation with a fine 61, supported by one of the promising youngsters Daniel McTernan with 33 to see their side to 178.

Ishara Amerasinghe produced intense early pressure for Liversedge and finished with 3-58. Russell Clarke took over to sweep up the middle order with an economical 4-26 from eight overs.

Ardsley had nothing to fear as Liversedge capitulated to 61. As so often this season for Ardsley it was a real team effort.

Paul Court struck in the second over to give them the initiative. He finished with 3-15 from seven overs. Michael Pearson took two vital wickets for 12. Glenn Larsen 2-18 and Mark Heald 2-8 polished Liversedge off and sparked deserved celebrations.



**East Ardsley's Jeff Hunt in action against Liversedge. (260830)**

Mohammed Javed 25, Daniel Hope 27, and Ali Shahid 40 helped them to 220.

Facing such a huge target Gildersome struggled, losing their first four wickets for 30.

James McVeigh 43 and Shahid Tanvir 30 made valiant efforts but it was too little too late and Gildersome were

The impressive Hope, 5-29, struck early and sowed the seeds of doubt in Stanley minds, with Josh Tingle 4-35 also in form Mills bowled Stanley out for 147.

Hunslet Nelson's slim promotion hopes

plus barrier in Nelson's reply and they were sunk for just 75. Phil Reasbeck did most of the damage with 6-28.

**Moorlands** inflicted a 95 run defeat on King Cross. Simon Andrews opened with 48 but Dave Greenwood went better reaching his half-century and helping Moorlands to 196. Andrews then took an impressive 4-23 from 12.4 overs to help dismiss Cross for 101.

**Heckmondwike's** Tim Helliwell and Alan Sumner matched each other almost stroke for stroke as they each made 121 at Mirfield Parish Cavaliers A as they helped Heckmondwike to a massive 323-3.

Muenoddin Kadri ensured Heckmondwike victory with 5-41 as they bowled out Cavaliers for 146.

The Central Yorkshire League Premier Division title is up for grabs to the team brave enough to go out and take it after the three contenders all took vital points on Saturday.

Wrenthorpe retained a two point lead after beating **Mirfield Parish Cavaliers** by 77 runs.

The leaders' bowlers Jody Hutchinson 6-55 and Ricky Rotch 4-89 whittled through the Parish line-up, never

to 228-7.

**Ossett** maintained pressure as Sa Dighe (61) and SL Latif 6-65 combined to help their side to run success over A

Ossett set a target of 215-6 and Altofts looked like match as Latif struck at regular intervals and they bowled out for 163.

The other title contenders, Methley to points from North Fields.

**Batley's** relegation plight is desperate as they succumbed to run defeat.

Carlton's Moham Bilal was a vital as he made 40 in their Javed Iqbal bravely for Batley ing 5-76 from 25 overs. He was well supported by Nadeem Hussain 3-30 from seven overs.

Moosa Bhoola confidently for Batley with 27. Amin Laha top scorer with 39 runs was never enough as Batley were out for

One-time contenders and current champions Birstall slipped to defeat at home to Farnley. The home side were restricted to 100 thanks largely to 3-30 Paul Morley.